

Cyclone preparation checklist

Prepping your home before a cyclone can help minimise damage. This checklist can help you get ready and secure your home.

PLAN & PREPARE

- ☐ Identify the strongest room in your home to shelter in during a cyclone.
- ☐ Have torches ready in case there's a power outage.
- ☐ Confirm arrangements for your animals
- ☐ Beware the calm eye of the cyclone. Don't go outside until you have received official advice that it is safe to do so.
- ☐ Make an emergency plan in case you need to evacuate.
- ☐ Check whether your neighbours need help.
- ☐ Locate your emergency kit.

AROUND THE HOME

- ☐ Keep gutters and downpipes clear so water can drain away quickly.
- ☐ Secure large items such as boats, caravans, trailers, rainwater tanks, outdoor furniture, shade sails and any loose material around your home.
- ☐ Trim trees and branches that hang over your home. Obtain council permission if required and be careful of any overhead powerlines. Please note we don't cover loss or damage caused by trees being lopped, felled or transplanted by you or someone you authorise.
- ☐ Locate and learn how to turn off your home's main electricity, gas and water supply.
- ☐ Have your roof checked annually by a qualified trades person to detect any pre-existing damage and/or repairs that may be needed.
- ☐ Fasten all cyclone screens and board up any exposed windows and doors.
- ☐ Contact your local council or energy company if you think trees in your street may pose a threat to your property or powerlines.

IN THE HOME

- ☐ Safely unplug electrical items, aerials and computer equipment to avoid damage from a power surge.
- ☐ Take photos of your property, both inside and out. They could be helpful if you have to make an insurance claim.
- ☐ Close and lock your windows.
- ☐ Wear strong shoes and tough clothing for protection.
- ☐ If anyone in your house relies on electrical equipment for medical reasons, plan in case your power is cut – it may take time to be restored.

CHECK YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

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Pack enough drinking water and non-perishable food for three days.

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Pack toiletries and towels.

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Pack your devices and chargers.

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Pack important documents and valuables, including cash.

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Have a first aid kit ready.

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Pack a torch with spare batteries.

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Organise hand sanitiser and face masks.

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Don't forget any medication and scripts.

Staying safe is your priority. You can start your claim process after the cyclone has passed.

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